



# Crop Report

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## Crop Report for week ending May 4, 2008

Saskatchewan farmers seeded four per cent of the 2008 crop, up from one per cent last week, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly crop report.

The five-year (2003-07) average is six per cent of the crop planted at this time. Currently, 10 per cent of the crop is planted in the southeast, nine per cent is planted in the southwest, two per cent is

planted in east central regions, and less than one per cent is reported as planted elsewhere.

On a per crop basis, 18 per cent of the peas, nine per cent of the lentils, six per cent of the triticale and five per cent of the durum are reported planted at this time. All other crops are less than five per cent seeded.

According to crop reporters, topsoil moisture

conditions are adequate on 70 per cent of the grainbelt, which is an improvement from last week. Areas of surplus moisture are decreasing in northern regions. Areas of short and very short topsoil moisture are decreasing in the southwest, but increasing in the southeast.

Strong winds and cool temperatures delayed spraying operations this past week.

### Seeding Progress by Crop District

CD	May 4/08	May 6/07
1a	14	21
1b	6	15
2a	12	8
2b	8	12
3an	7	18
3ase	15	37
3asw	8	13
3bn	6	21
3bs	11	22
4a	27	30
4b	8	31
5a	1	9
5b	2	1
6a	2	3
6b	0	5
7a	0	8
7b	0	6
8a	0	1
8b	0	0
9ae	0	0
9aw	0	2
9b	0	4
Prov.	4	10

### Seeding Progress in SK per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 4/08	4
5-year Avg. (2003-07)	6
May 6/07	10
May 7/06	9
May 1/05	3
May 2/04	6
May 4/03	3

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### 1 Year Ago

Ten per cent of the 2007 crop had been seeded.

Topsoil moisture was reported as adequate on three-quarters of the grainbelt.

Strong winds caused soil erosion and delayed spraying operations.



### **South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)**

Last week, the southeast was generally cool, dry, and windy. An average of 1 mm of precipitation was reported, with an average high of 4 mm reported in CD 1a. The strong winds dried the topsoil to the point where some farmers have stopped seeding because it was getting too dry. The winds and cool temperatures also hampered spraying. Many dugouts are dry and some farmers have to haul water for spraying.

Ten per cent of the crop has been seeded in the southeast. Crop District 3ase reports 15% seeded, while CD 1b reports 6% seeded. Forty-two per cent of the peas, 20% of the lentils, 12% of the spring wheat, and 8% of the canola have been planted.

In some areas, there is expected to be more wheat and canola seeded, and fewer acres of specialty crops.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated this past week with reporters rating 38% of the area as having adequate topsoil moisture, compared to 59% last week. The balance is rated as having short or very short topsoil moisture. On hay and pasture land, moisture conditions also deteriorated with reporters rating 21% of the area as having adequate moisture, compared with 35% last week. The driest areas are in CDs 1a and 2.

Weed growth has been minimal due to the cold, dry weather. This has hampered pre-seeding burn-off. Farmers

continue to pick rocks and harrow.

Livestock owners are still feeding cattle, and are running low on feed. Grass growth in pastures is very slow due to lack of sunshine and rain. Some cattle are being moved out to pastures, but supplementary feeding will be needed for awhile.

### **South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)**

Some areas in the southwest received much needed moisture. An average of 14 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 8 mm reported in CD 4a, to an average high of 22 mm reported in CD 3bn. It has been difficult to do pre-seeding burn-off due to the winds and the freezing nights. The cool temperatures and frost has set back early-seeded crops, hay, and grass.

Nine per cent of the crop has been seeded in the southwest. Crop District 4a reports 27% seeded, while CD 3bn is 6% seeded. Twenty-seven per cent of the peas, 9% of the triticale, 8% of the lentils, and 7% of the durum, canola, and mustard have been planted. Some early-seeded peas are emerging.

In some areas, farmers are switching from peas to durum because of the long spell of cold weather. Other areas expect to see more barley and durum. Precipitation received in some areas may reduce the amount of intended summerfallow.

Topsoil moisture on crop land improved with reporters

rating moisture conditions as adequate on 55% of the crop land, compared to 36% last week. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land also improved, with reporters rating 36% having adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared with 21% last week. The driest areas are in CDs 3asw and 3bs.

Some cattle are being moved out to pastures, but feeding is still being supplemented with bales. Some livestock owners expect that they will be hauling water this summer. Some are hauling water right now.

Gophers continue to be a problem with their holes causing equipment damage.

### **East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)**

The east central region had cool, windy days with cold nights this past week. An average of 1 mm of precipitation was reported. Windy days hampered spraying operations.

Two per cent of the 2008 crop has been planted, with 2% planted in CDs 5b and 6a and 1% planted in CD 5a. Fourteen per cent of the peas, 3% of the lentils, and 1% of the canola, spring wheat, and barley are in.

Several comments were received on potential changes to seeding intentions. More peas are being planted, and oats acreage may increase. If the weather stays cool and dry, more cereals could be planted. Other possible changes in planting intentions are plans for less wheat and more barley; an increase in

canola and wheat acres; slight shift to peas from lentils; and a shift from peas to lentils.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated slightly from last week. Reporters rate 75% of the crop land as having adequate moisture, compared to 79% last week. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions also deteriorated as reporters gave an adequate rating for 59% versus 74% last week.

There has been very little pasture growth, and livestock are still being feed from winter feed supplies. Some farmers were applying fertilizer, picking rocks, harrowing, cultivating, and rolling pulses.

#### **West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)**

The west central area had cool, windy days during the past week, with cold nights. An average of 15 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 9 mm reported in CD 6b to an average high of 18 mm reported in CD 7b. Low spots are very wet in some areas, and farmers still can not drive down back-roads in the Marengo area.

Less than 1% of the crop has been seeded in the west central region. Crops being planted include spring wheat, canola, and peas.

The moisture received during the past two weeks could allow for more pulses to be seeded. More barley also may be seeded in some areas.

Topsoil moisture on crop

land improved, with reporters rating moisture as adequate on 97% of the land, compared with 79% last week. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land also improved with reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate on 94% of the area compared with 80% last week.

Farmers are working on machinery, picking rocks, placing fertilizer, applying herbicide, harrowing, cleaning grain, and cultivating.

Cattle are being moved out to pasture. Feed supplies are becoming very short. The snowstorm caused some calf losses in the region. There are a higher than usual number of gophers in the Tramping Lake area.

#### **North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)**

It was generally cool and dry in the northeast this past week. An average of less than 1 mm of precipitation was reported.

Less than 1% of the crop has been planted. Lentils, peas, and spring wheat are being seeded.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved during the last week as the area of surplus moisture decreased. Reporters gave a surplus rating to 12% of the crop land, compared with 47% last week. On hay and pasture land, the amount of land in a surplus situation has decreased from 45% to 1%.

Work being done included fertilizing, heavy harrowing, rock

picking, cultivating, and putting down fertilizer. Fieldwork is expected to be more general this week.

#### **North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)**

The past week was cool in the northwest, though warming by the week's end. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported, with the amounts up to 15 mm reported in the Neilburg area. Some side roads in the Glaslyn area are still blocked with snow.

Less than 1% of the crop has been seeded in the northwest. Peas have been seeded in CD 9aw. A week to 10 days of warm, dry weather is needed before fieldwork and seeding become general.

There were some expectations that more barley might be seeded than first thought.

Topsoil moisture on crop land improved during the past week as surplus moisture dried. Reporters rated moisture as surplus on 9% of the crop land versus 28% last week. On hay and pasture land, reporters say they have adequate moisture on 94% of the land, with the rest being under surplus moisture.

Farmers have started applying fertilizer and harrowing, and are continuing to pick rocks and poison gophers.

Farmers are still feeding cattle, and some are running short of hay. Some livestock producers are dealing with scouring calves after last week's stormy weather.

# Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 3, 2008

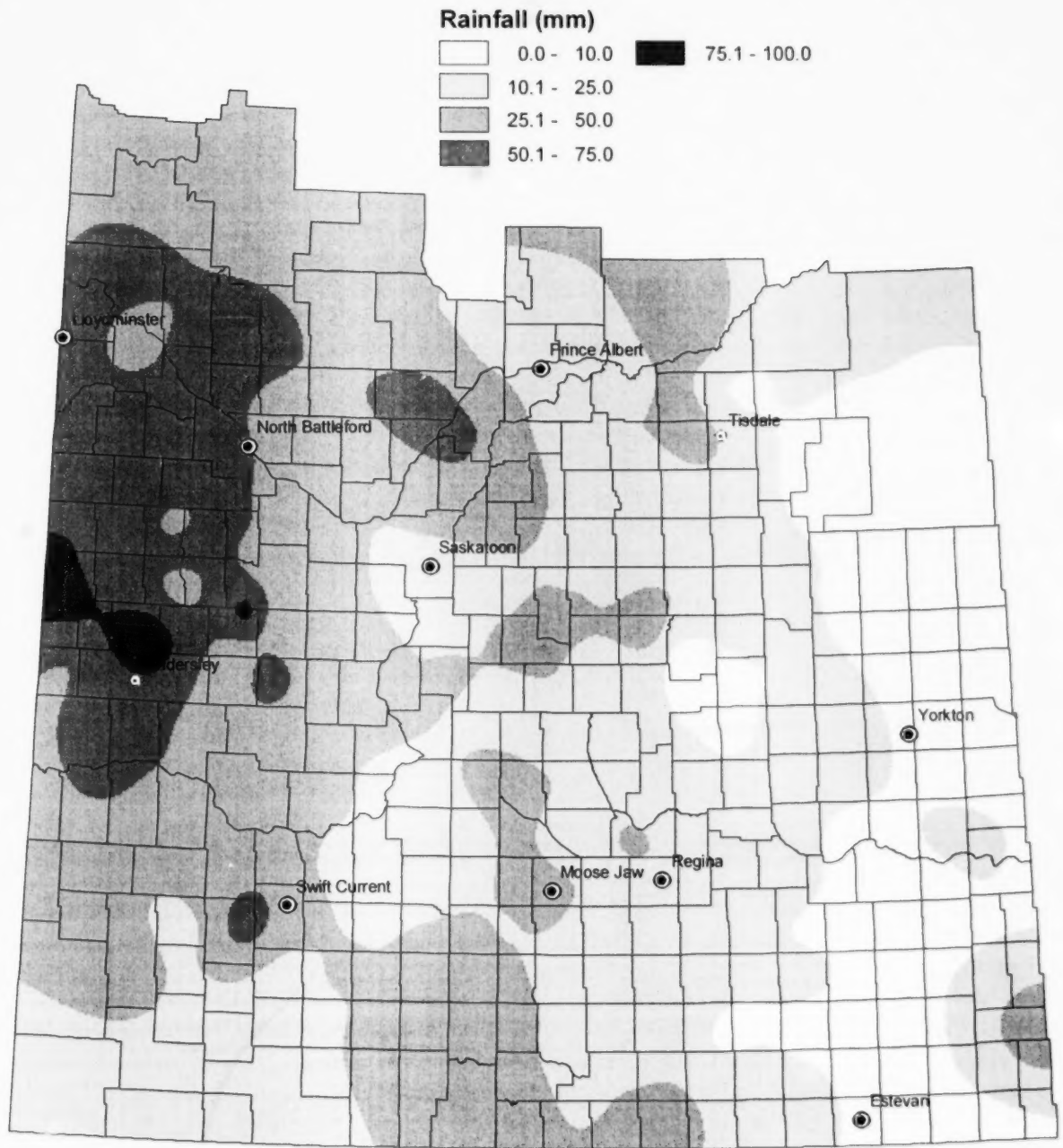
Crop Municipality				Crop Municipality				Crop Municipality			
Dist. No. Name		Past Week	Since April 1	Dist. No. Name		Past Week	Since April 1	Dist. No. Name		Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1 Argyle	NIL	6	165 Morse	18	23		344 Corman Park	2	23	
	2 Mount Pleasant	NIL	3	166 Excelsior	18	18		345 Vanscoy	6	23	
	3 Enniskillen	NIL	4	167 Sask. Landing	24	35		346 Perdue	10	31	
	61 Antler	24	36	168 Riverside	18	82		376 B Eagle Creek	10	45	
	64 Brock	NIL	2	226 Victory	17	19		403 Rosthern	NIL	50	
1B	65 Tecumseh	NIL	NIL	228 A Lacadena	19	32		7A 259 Snipe Lake	23	43	
	93 Wawken	NIL	5	228 B Lacadena	22	46		287 St. Andrews	12	61	
	95 Golden West	NIL	4	4A 49 White Valley	5	15		288 Pleasant Valley	NIL	37	
	123 Silverwood	NIL	2	51 Reno	4	11		292 Milton	20	51	
	124 Kingsley	NIL	4	109 Carmichael	2	25		317 A Marriott	19	39	
2A	125 Chester	NIL	4	110 Piapot	21	35		317 B Marriott	11	25	
	151 A Rocanville	NIL	4	111 A Maple Creek	10	32		318 A Mountain View	14	49	
	151 B Rocanville	NIL	13	111 B Maple Creek	1	26		318 B Mountain View	13	80	
	153 Willowdale	NIL	2	4B 139 Gull Lake	8	22		320 Oakdale	33	92	
	154 Elcapo	NIL	1	141 Big Stick	12	27		7B 347 A Biggar	9	47	
2B	155 Wolseley	NIL	7	142 Enterprise	4	33		347 B Biggar	15	29	
	36 Cymri	NIL	13	169 Pittville	12	32		350 A Mariposa	24	56	
	66 Griffin	NIL	8	231 Happyland	18	54		350 B Mariposa	9	41	
	67 Weyburn	NIL	10	232 Deer Forks	8	36		351 Progress	25	56	
	68 Brokenshell	NIL	9	5A 183 Fertile Belt	NIL	12		352 Heart's Hill	41	92	
3ASE	69 Norton	TR	18	185 McLeod	NIL	6		377 Glenside	17	39	
	96 Fillmore	NIL	12	186 Abernethy	NIL	14		378 A Rosemount	13	41	
	97 Wellington	NIL	11	211 Churchbridge	NIL	5		379 Reford	15	57	
	126 Montmartre	NIL	10	213 Saltcoats	NIL	6		380 Tramping Lake	15	47	
	127 Francis	NIL	13	216 A Tullymet	NIL	16		381 Grass Lake	17	72	
3ASW	129 Bratt's Lake	NIL	12	241 Calder	NIL	2		409 Buffalo	9	55	
	131 Baidon	2	16	245 A Garry	NIL	15		410 Round Valley	15	65	
	156 A Indian Head	NIL	20	245 B Garry	NIL	21		411 Senlac	27	58	
	158 Edenwold	0	15	246 Ituna Bon Accord	1	23		8A 395 Porcupine	NIL	1	
	160 Pense	3	23	247 Kellross	NIL	13		397 Barrier Valley	NIL	14	
3AN	161 Moose Jaw	3	31	248 Touchwood	1	9		398 Pleasantdale	1	13	
	39 A The Gap	NIL	27	5B 271 Cote	NIL	4		428 Star City	NIL	34	
	39 B The Gap	NIL	13	273 Sliding Hills	NIL	NIL		456 Arborfield	NIL	12	
	40 Happy Valley	7	26	275 Insinger	NIL	12		457 Connaught	NIL	8	
	40 Bengough	12	21	276 Foam Lake	NIL	11		486 Moose Range	NIL	13	
3BS	42 Willow Bunch	23	40	277 Emerald	NIL	10		487 Nipawin	NIL	22	
	43 A Old Post	16	27	304 Buchanan	NIL	7		8B 369 St. Peter	NIL	15	
	43 B Old Post	28	37	307 Elfros	NIL	14		370 Humboldt	NIL	20	
	44 Waverley	20	36	308 Big Quill	NIL	9		372 Grant	NIL	30	
	70 Key West	9	23	333 Clayton	NIL	NIL		402 Fish Creek	NIL	35	
3BN	71 A Excel	8	19	335 Hazel Dell	NIL	9		429 A Flett's Springs	NIL	19	
	71 B Excel	8	17	336 Sasman	NIL	13		429 B Flett's Springs	NIL	22	
	71 C Excel	10	20	337 Lakeview	NIL	22		431 St. Louis	NIL	26	
	72 Lake Of The Rivers	21	36	338 Lakeside	NIL	23		459 Kinistino	NIL	10	
	73 A Stonehenge	28	48	366 Kelvington	NIL	9		9AE 488 Torch River	NIL	34	
3BN	73 B Stonehenge	27	46	6A 189 Lumsden	NIL	29		9AW 406 Mayfield	4	34	
	101 Terrell	1	15	190 B Dufferin	2	13		435 Redberry	NIL	34	
	102 Lake Johnston	7	25	190 C Dufferin	NIL	14		436 Douglas	NIL	82	
	103 Sutton	22	45	219 B Longlaketon	NIL	13		463 Duck Lake	NIL	49	
	132 Hillsborough	7	24	219 C Longlaketon	NIL	22		464 Leask	NIL	61	
3BN	134 Shamrock	26	43	220 McKillop	1	12		466 Meeting Lake	NIL	47	
	164 Chaplin	17	19	221 Sarnia	4	23		467 Round Hill	NIL	41	
	193 Eyebrow	7	23	222 Craik	NIL	31		493 Shellbrook	NIL	21	
	194 Enfield	14	18	251 Big Arm	8	24		494 Canwood	NIL	27	
	17 A Val Marie	8	13	252 Arm River	1	16		496 Spiritwood	NIL	43	
3BN	17 B Val Marie	8	10	279 A Mount Hope	6	18		497 Medstead	NIL	55	
	45 Mankota	21	27	280 Wreford	NIL	17		555 Big River	NIL	35	
	75 A Pinto Creek	23	32	282 McCreaney	4	20		9B 438 Battle River	8	56	
	75 B Pinto Creek	24	35	309 Prairie Rose	4	31		442 Manitou Lake	15	55	
	76 A Auvergne	15	19	312 Morris	1	29		498 A Parkdale	NIL	63	
3BN	76 B Auvergne	12	19	313 Lost River	4	27		498 B Parkdale	NIL	65	
	77 Wise Creek	12	15	339 Leroy	NIL	38		499 Mervin	5	54	
	78 A Grassy Creek	9	15	340 A Wolverine	NIL	25		501 A Frenchman Butte	4	67	
	78 B Grassy Creek	7	14	340 B Wolverine	NIL	15		501 B Frenchman Butte	2	40	
	78 C Grassy Creek	10	18	343 Blucher	1	13		501 C Frenchman Butte	4	53	
3BN	105 Glenbain	20	27	6B 283 Rosedale	8	27		502 Britannia	4	54	
	106 Whiska Creek	19	27	284 Rudy	13	26		561 Loon Lake	NIL	40	
	107 Lac Pelletier	13	13	285 Fertile Valley	13	32		588 A Meadow Lake	NIL	25	
	108 Bone Creek	7	21	286 Milden	25	32		588 B Meadow Lake	NIL	32	
	138 Webb	32	60	314 Dundurn	4	20					

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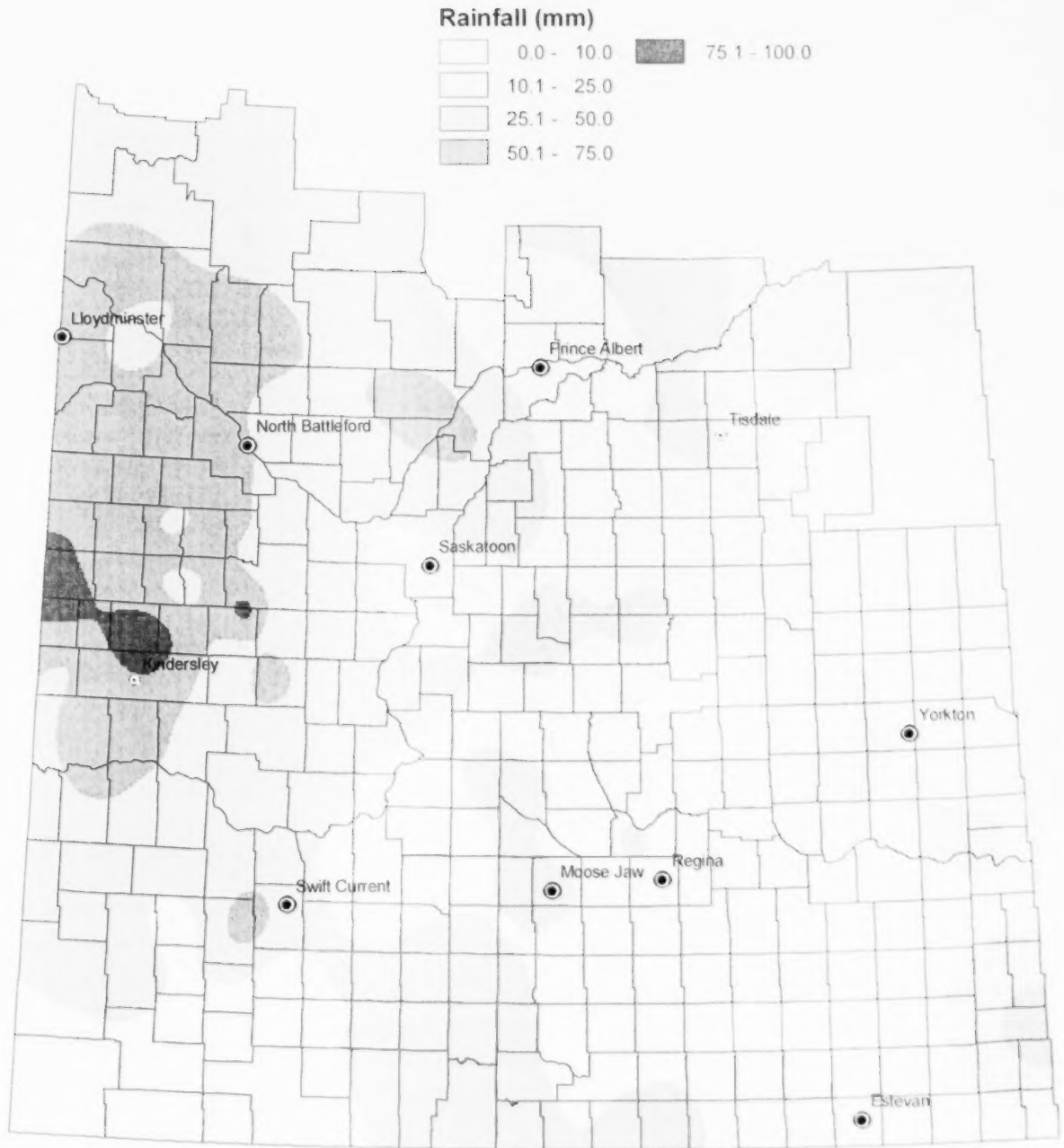
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**From: April 1, 2008**  
**To: May 3, 2008**



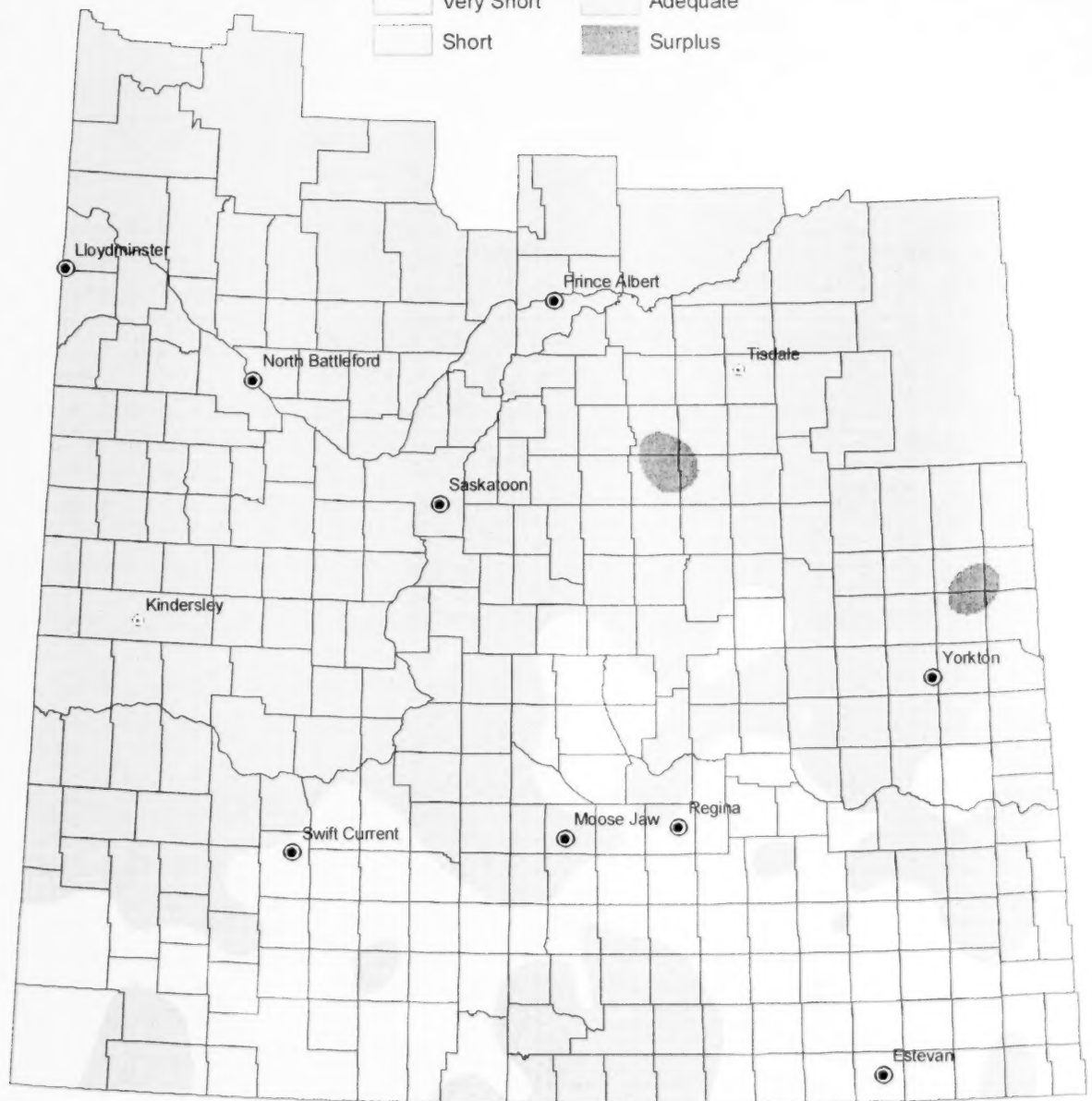
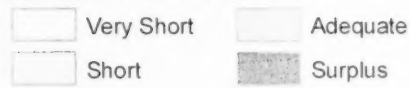


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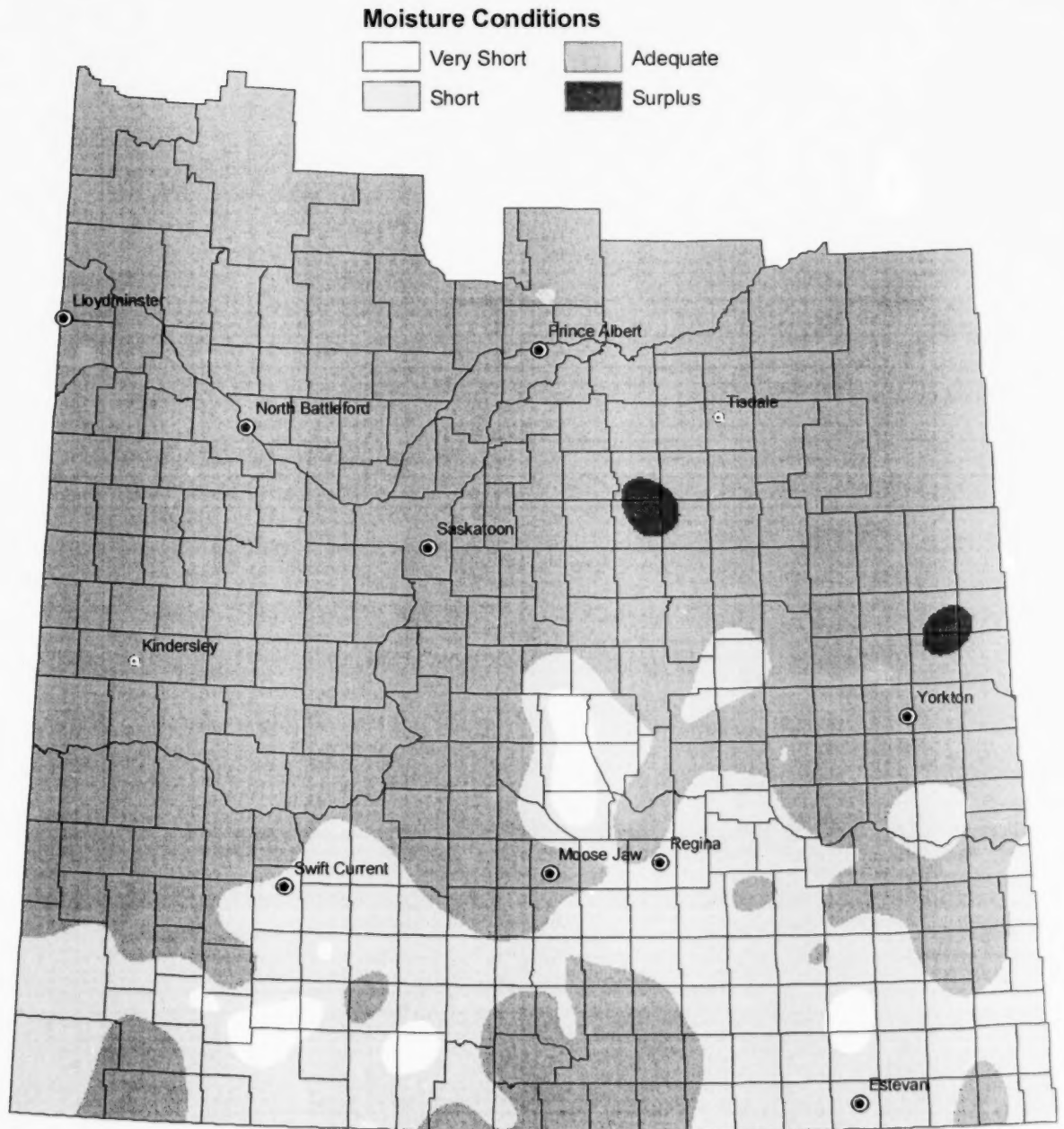
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# Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities

